

## Long Term Care Newsletter

What is the ISDH Long Term Care Newsletter: The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) regularly publishes a Long Term Care Newsletter. The Newsletter is an electronic newsletter delivered via email.

What is included in the newsletter? The purpose of the *Long Term Care Newsletter* is to provide program updates related to licensing and healthcare quality. The following are items that are regularly included in the newsletters:

- Emergency information. The newsletter is a primary means of communicating important emergency information to long term care facilities in cases of disasters.
- Epidemiologic outbreaks and updates. The newsletter provides epidemiology information related to outbreaks to include updates on influenza, infectious diseases, and immunizations.
- Program updates. The newsletter will include long term care program news and activities to include information such as licensing requirements, reporting requirements, technology systems, and program staffing changes.
- CMS survey and certification updates. The newsletter will provide new CMS survey guidance documents related to the certification of nursing homes.
- Healthcare quality improvement projects. The newsletter will provide information on state healthcare quality improvement data and projects.
- Coming events. The newsletter will provide announcements of coming events.

Who may subscribe to the ISDH Long Term Care Newsletter? The newsletter is available to anyone. There is no limit on the number of individuals from a facility allowed to subscribe. The ISDH encourages all long term care providers and staff to subscribe.

**Is there a cost to subscribe?** The newsletter is free.

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